

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tetsuichiro YAMAMOTO, et al.
Title: IMAGE READING METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR SAME
Appl. No.: Unassigned
Filing Date: 04/25/2001
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

- 1 17. (Amended) The image reading apparatus according to Claim 12,
2 wherein said reading device is constructed as a color reading device, and
3 wherein an image processing circuit for gray-level correction is provided
4 between said storing device and said analog to digital converting circuit making
5 up said image signal outputting.

Please add the following new claim:

- 1 18. (New) The image reading apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein
2 said reading device is constructed as a color reading device, and wherein an
3 image processing circuit for gray-level correction is provided between said
4 storing device and said analog to digital converting circuit making up said image
5 signal outputting.

REMARKS

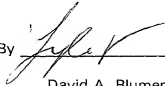
The foregoing amendments are being made in order to correct a typographical error and to avoid the payment of government fees for multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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17. (Amended) The image reading apparatus according to Claim [21 or Claim 16] 12, wherein said reading device is constructed as a color reading device, and wherein an image processing circuit for gray-level correction is provided between said storing device and said analog to digital converting circuit making up said image signal outputting.